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Dear Director Madsen and Members of the Task Force:

The Idaho State Board of Veterinary Medicine recently received a letter addressed to you from David L. Curtis, P.E., Executive Director, Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, regarding semi-independent status for the dedicated fund self-governing agencies in Idaho. As one of Idaho's dedicated fund self-governing agencies, we would like to support Mr. Curtis' recommendation that dedicated fund self-governing agencies be given semi-independent status.

As Mr. Curtis has pointed out in his letter, as a dedicated fund self-governing agency, the statute creating the State Board of Veterinary Medicine grants spending authority to us for carrying out the purposes and objectives of the chapter. By allowing the Board of Veterinary Medicine, as well as the other dedicated fund self-governing agencies, more independence there would be an indirect savings to the General Fund, which could be significant in terms of the time and effort that would be saved by other General Fund supported agencies. Semi-independent agencies would not require the services of an Analyst from the Division of Financial Management or the Legislative Budget Office. JFAC would have more time to consider the budget needs of General Fund agencies and the time and expense of the Legislature preparing, processing, and acting on appropriation bills for the agencies would be eliminated. In addition, the Board's funds would continue to be deposited with the State Treasurer and interest on our free fund cash balance could continue to accrue to the General Fund. The Board would contract with the State Controller for payroll services and the Board employees would remain eligible for State benefits such as health insurance, PERSI, etc., with the employer costs for these benefits being borne by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

The State Board of Veterinary Medicine would like to encourage you and the members of the Task Force to give Mr. Curtis' suggestion serious consideration and allow us the opportunity to be more responsive to consumer complaints, function more nearly like businesses in the private sector, be more effective in carrying out our mission to protect the public, and at the same time provide indirect savings to the General Fund of the State of Idaho.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Eld, DVM
President
Idaho State Board of Veterinary Medicine

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